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Mr. Sam Chummar
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Dear Mr. Chummar:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - July 2010
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 45 for the period of July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

CONESTOGA-ROVERS & ASSOCIATES

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**Progress Report No. 45
July 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- CRA completed a Preliminary Draft Area 3A Phase II RI Data Report and submitted the report to the U.S. EPA on July 28, 2010.

2. Data Received

- Portions of the data from the Phase II RI sampling activities conducted in January/February 2010 have been received and are currently undergoing quality assurance/quality control validation. The data will be tabulated and provided in future progress reports once this process is complete.
- Portions of the data from the Supplemental Phase II RI sampling activities conducted in May/June 2010 specific to Area 3A have been received and are undergoing quality assurance/quality control validation. Unvalidated data specific to Area 3A was tabulated and provided in the Area 3A Phase II RI Data Report.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- A memorandum is currently under development to document revisions to the scope of work for the former Mill Buildings and Area 3A. The changes included revisions to soil boring locations due to unforeseen field conditions encountered during the May/June 2010 investigation.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- Submittal of memorandum (Phase II Sampling at the Plainwell Paper Mill-May-June 2010-Refusals and Eliminated Boring Locations) to the U.S. EPA summarizing the changes to the scope of work for the former Mill Buildings and Area 3A

- Continue quality assurance/quality control validation of January/February 2010 and May/June laboratory analytical data as it is received
- Continue work on Area 3A Phase II RI Data Report as Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure (SPLP) metals data specific to Area 3A is received
- Initiate Phase II RI Report
- Completion of appropriate characterization and disposal of remaining solid IDW

6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period

- Continue discussions with U.S. EPA and the City of Plainwell regarding the City's proposed use of the Area 3A portion of the Site for a new public safety complex

7. Other Relevant Information

- None